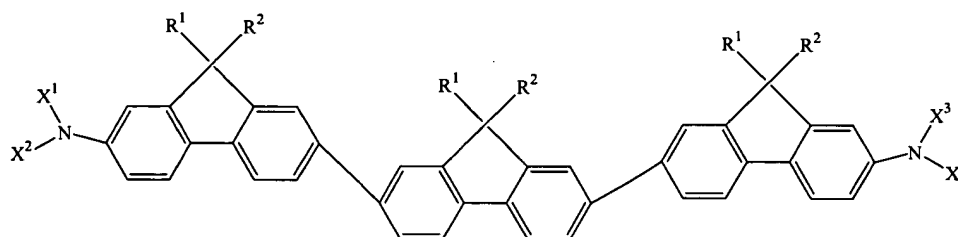


C. Claims

Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice and add new claims 8-16 as follows. In accordance with the revised amendment format, a complete listing of all the claims appears below; this listing replaces all earlier amendments and listings of the claims.

8. (New) A trifluorenylene light-emitting material represented by the following general formula:



wherein X¹ and X² may be linked to each other to form a ring;

wherein X³ and X⁴ may be linked to each other to form a ring;

wherein when at least one of X¹ and X² or X³ and X⁴ does not form a ring, at least one substituent on each nitrogen atom is a phenyl group having a substituent in at least the para- or ortho- position, said phenyl group substituent being selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen atom, cyano group, nitro group, substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group, substituted or unsubstituted alkynyl group, substituted or unsubstituted amino group, substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group, substituted or unsubstituted sulfide group, substituted silyl group, substituted carbonyl group;

wherein X^1 , X^2 , X^3 and X^4 are otherwise the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of:

- a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group,
- a substituted or unsubstituted alkynyl group,
- a substituted or unsubstituted amino group,
- a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group,
- a substituted or unsubstituted sulfide group,
- a substituted silyl group, and
- a substituted carbonyl group,

any of which has a connecting group comprising a substituted or unsubstituted arylene group or a substituted or unsubstituted divalent heterocyclic group,

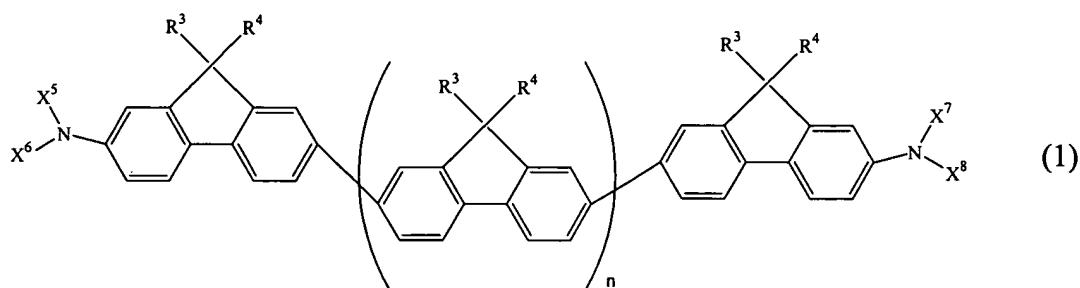
- a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group,
- a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group,
- a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, and
- a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; and

wherein R^1 and R^2 are the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, and a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, and respective R^1 's and R^2 's on different fluorenylene rings may be the same or different.

9. (New) The trifluorenylene light-emitting material according to claim 8, wherein at least one substituent on each nitrogen atom is an aromatic polycyclic condensed-ring group or heterocyclic group.

10. (New) The trifluorenylene light-emitting material according to claim 8, wherein at least one substituent on each nitrogen atom is a phenyl group having a substituent in at least the para- or ortho-position, and the other substituent is an aromatic polycyclic condensed-ring group or a heterocyclic group.

11. (New) An oligofluorenylene compound represented by the following general formula (1):



wherein X^5 and X^6 and X^7 and X^8 may be linked to each other to form a ring;

wherein X^5 , X^6 , X^7 and X^8 are otherwise the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of:

- a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group,
- a substituted or unsubstituted alkynyl group,
- a substituted or unsubstituted amino group,
- a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group,
- a substituted or unsubstituted sulfide group,
- a substituted silyl group,
- a substituted carbonyl group,

any of which has a connecting group comprising a substituted or unsubstituted arylene group or a substituted or unsubstituted divalent heterocyclic group,

a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group,
a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group,
a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, and
a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group;

wherein R^3 and R^4 are the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, and a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, and respective R^3 's is and R^4 's on different fluorenylene rings may be the same or different; and

wherein n is an integer of 2 to 20.

12. (New) The oligofluorenylene compound according to claim 11, wherein the compound is a tetra-, penta-, or hexafluorenylene compound in which n is an integer of 2 to 4.

13. (New) An organic light-emitting device comprising an anode and a cathode, and one or more layers containing an organic compound which are sandwiched between a pair of the electrodes, in which at least one of the layers containing an organic compound contains at least one kind of the oligofluorenylene compound according to claim 8.

14. (New) An organic light-emitting device comprising an anode and a cathode, and one or more layers containing an organic compound which are sandwiched between a pair of the electrodes, in which a light-emitting layer contains at least one kind of the trifluorenylene compound according to claim 8.

15. (New) An organic light-emitting device comprising an anode and a cathode, and one or more layers containing an organic compound which are sandwiched between a pair of the electrodes, in which at least one of the layers containing an organic compound contains at least one kind of the oligofluorenylene compound according to claim 11.

16. (New) An organic light-emitting device comprising an anode and a cathode, and one or more layers containing an organic compound which are sandwiched between a pair of the electrodes, in which a light-emitting layer contains at least one kind of the oligofluorenylene compound according to claim 11.